

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An operation lever assembly of a vehicle transmission operator comprising:

5 a lever base mounted on a vehicle body and having a top face formed with a hole;

an engagement member mounted to the lever base from below and protruding through the hole;

10 a tubular lever body joined to a protruding portion of the engagement member and mounted to an upper portion of the lever base;

a rod accommodated in the lever body and extending vertically;

a resilient member located between a lower end of the rod and a top face of the engagement member for biasing the rod upwardly,

15 wherein the lever body has a slit cut from a lower end of the lever body to a height position in an axial direction of the lever body,

wherein the rod is mounted with a lock-pin extending in a transverse direction of the lever body,

20 wherein the lock-pin protrudes outwardly through the slit.

2. An operation lever assembly according to claim 1,

wherein the lever base is mounted with a rotation stopper, and

25 wherein the rotation stopper engages with an engagement portion formed at the lower end of the lever body for preventing the

lever body from rotating.

3. An operation lever assembly according to claim 1,  
wherein the lower end of the rod includes a guide for  
5 positioning and retaining the resilient member.

4. An operation lever assembly according to claim 1,  
wherein the engagement member has an upper end including  
a guide for positioning and retaining the resilient member.

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5. An operation lever assembly according to claim 1,  
wherein the engagement member and the lever body are  
joined to each other by bolt fastening.

15 6. A method of assembling an operation lever, comprising:  
mounting a locking member transversely to an operation rod  
of an operation lever;

inserting the operation rod longitudinally in a tubular  
member of the operation lever, inserting the locking member  
20 longitudinally in an opening of the tubular member; and

screwing the tubular member having the operation rod and  
the locking member and a base of the operation lever to each other.

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